



City of Johnstown

Meeting: Common Council, Business Meeting
 Date: Monday, November 18, 2024
 Time: 6:00 p.m.
 Location: Council Chambers, City Hall
 Presiding Officer: Amy Praught, Mayor

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Meeting Minutes

- **CALL MEETING TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- **ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL-** (record of officials in attendance)

		PRESENT	ABSENT / EXCUSED	LATE
Amy Praught	Mayor	X		
Scott Jeffers	Council Member-at-Large	X		
Bradley Hayner	Council Member Ward 1	X		
Scott Miller	Council Member Ward 2		Excused	
Eric Parker	Council Member Ward 3	X		
Max Spritzer	Council Member Ward 4	X		
Thomas Herr	City Treasurer	X		
Michael M. Albanese	City Attorney		ABSENT	
Carrie M. Allen	City Clerk	X		
Larry O'Regan	Fire Chief	X		
David F. Gilbo	Chief of Police	X		
Christopher J. Vose	City Engineer	X		
Diedrie M. Roemer	Director, Senior Citizens Program	X		

- **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Persons wishing to address the Council regarding city business are permitted to speak for three (3) minutes. A council member will monitor Facebook during the session and read comments to the Council. There is no exchange of dialogue during this portion of the meeting. Profane language, obscene conduct, or disruptive comments are not acceptable and will not be allowed.

Speakers: None

- **PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

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| 1. 2025 Budget | Opened: 6:02pm |
| 2. Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program | |

Speakers: None

Discussion: None

Closed: 6:03pm

- **APPROVE MINUTES**

1. Business Meeting – October 21, 2024

Action Taken

Motion:	Council Member Spritzer	Ayes:	4	Absent:	1 (Miller)
Seconded:	Council Member Parker	Noes:	0	Abstain:	0

- **APPROVE CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS**

Action Taken

Motion:	Council Member Parker	Ayes:	4	Absent:	1 (Miller)
Seconded:	Council Member Hayner	Noes:	0	Abstain:	0

- **REPORTS FROM CITY DEPARTMENTS** - Reports are attached and made part of the meeting minutes.

Fire/Code:	New ambulance is in service.
Senior Center:	Parker acknowledged the Veterans Luncheon and the great turnout

- **REPORTS FROM COUNCIL LIAISONS** – Reports and/or Minutes are attached and made part of the meeting minutes.

- **MAYORAL APPOINTMENT**

1. Appoint Members to Zoning Board of Appeals

- **RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, LOCAL LAWS**

80.	Adopt 2025 Budget			
<i><u>Action Taken</u></i>				
Motion:	Council Member Hayner	Ayes:	4	Absent: 1 (Miller)
Seconded:	Council Member Parker	Noes:	0	Abstain: 0
Discussion:	Mayor stated this would be a 2% tax increase			
81.	Change Organizational Meeting Date			
<i><u>Action Taken</u></i>				
Motion:	Council Member Parker	Ayes:	4	Absent: 1 (Miller)
Seconded:	Council Member Jeffers	Noes:	0	Abstain: 0
82.	City-owned property; 312 W. State			
<i><u>Action Taken</u></i>				
Motion:	Council Member Spritzer	Ayes:	4	Absent: 1 (Miller)
Seconded:	Council Member Hayner	Noes:	0	Abstain: 0
83.	City-owned property; 14 Akin			
<i><u>Action Taken</u></i>				
Motion:	Council Member Jeffers	Ayes:	4	Absent: 1 (Miller)
Seconded:	Council Member Spritzer	Noes:	0	Abstain: 0
84.	City-owned property; 4 McMartin			
<i><u>Action Taken</u></i>				
Motion:	Council Member Hayner	Ayes:	4	Absent: 1 (Miller)
Seconded:	Council Member Jeffers	Noes:	0	Abstain: 0
85.	Appoint City Historian			
<i><u>Action Taken</u></i>				
Motion:	Council Member Parker	Ayes:	4	Absent: 1 (Miller)
Seconded:	Council Member Hayner	Noes:	0	Abstain: 0
86.	Adopt Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program			
<i><u>Action Taken</u></i>				
Motion:	Council Member Spritzer	Ayes:	4	Absent: 1 (Miller)
Seconded:	Council Member Parker	Noes:	0	Abstain: 0
87.	City-owned property; 4 Hoffman			
<i><u>Action Taken</u></i>				
Motion:	Council Member Hayner	Ayes:	4	Absent: 1 (Miller)
Seconded:	Council Member Jeffers	Noes:	0	Abstain: 0
88.	City-owned properties; No bids received			
<i><u>Action Taken</u></i>				
Motion:	Council Member Parker	Ayes:	4	Absent: 1 (Miller)
Seconded:	Council Member Spritzer	Noes:	0	Abstain: 0

- **WATER GRIEVANCES** (only if necessary)

A meeting was held prior to the Council meeting to hear grievances on 2 properties which were tabled from the last meeting, regarding their water bill. City Engineer Vose and Council Members Jeffers and Hayner were present for the meeting.

1. 14 E. Fourth Avenue

Discussion: when new water meter was installed prior usage was not zeroed out

Action Taken: Will issue new bill; no late fees

Motion:	Council Member	Jeffers	Ayes:	4	Absent:	1 (Miller)
Seconded:	Council Member	Miller	Noes:	0	Abstain:	0

2. 303 W. Montgomery Street

Discussion: There is no issue with the meter. There has been prior contact with the homeowner. There is believed to be a leak somewhere and were advised to call a plumber. Homeowner can coordinate to have a water employee present when they have a plumber visit home.

Action Taken: No adjustments to bill; no late fees.

Motion:	Council Member	Jeffers	Ayes:	4	Absent:	1 (Miller)
Seconded:	Council Member	Miller	Noes:	0	Abstain:	0

• **DISCUSSION**

• **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Thanksgiving – City offices closed November 28th & 29th
2. Garbage collection – No pickup on Thursday, 28th - double pickup on November 29th
3. Colonial Little Theatre presents A Christmas Carol – December 12th – 15th
4. Holiday Parade & Colonial Stroll – Friday, December 6th
5. Business Meeting – December 16th at 6:00pm

• **EXECUTIVE SESSION** (only if necessary)

Reason:	Pending or current litigation			Time In:	
Motion:	Council Member	Jeffers	Ayes:	4	Absent: 1 (Miller)
Seconded:	Council Member	Hayner	Noes:	0	Abstain: 0
 <i>Action Taken:</i> None					
				Time out:	
Motion:	Council Member	Hayner	Ayes:	4	Absent: 1 (Miller)
Seconded:	Council Member	Parker	Noes:	0	Abstain: 0

• **ADJOURN**

Time:	7:08 pm				
Motion:	Council Member		Ayes:	4	Absent: 1 (Miller)
Seconded:	Council Member		Noes:	0	Abstain: 0

Respectfully submitted,



Carrie M. Allen, City Clerk